

I'm an individual citizen with no corporate ties. I'm appalled that the Commission is considering removing many restrictions on ownership and cross-ownership of radio and television stations. For me, diversity in ownership leads to more diverse voices gaining access to the public's broadcast spectrum. And the latter is important for our democracy. For me, the new media, such as the Internet, do not provide a reason to permit a few corporations from owning many stations and often programming them remotely from a distant city.

I urge the Commission to NOT relax the restrictions in any of the areas under consideration in 02-277.

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